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Subject: Senate Bill SB1027

Representative Hertel

I had hoped to get an appointment with you to discuss this but looks like your going to move this bill fast.

I am really disappointed in this bill, to take a one time situation and attempt to punish everyone for "Listening Ears" mistake is truly a violation of everything we were taught to believe in with our elected legislators. First that they are fair and represent the people that vote for them. Second that you create legislation that is arbitrary and that would ruin more lives then it will help, this is the type of bill that you make for all the wrong reasons especially so you can get elected.

I run a grass root re entry program for returning citizens, and one of the hardest things ALL OUR CLIENTS face is getting a job. Now your going to make it virtually impossible to work any where because there are sexually abused people every where, there are kids every where. Does anyone realize that Sex offenders have the 2nd lowest recidivism rate of any criminal acts. Do you know that many sex offenders are actually children themselves and then waived as adults. Yet a girl under 17 can't consent to sex due to her age (but we can waive and send 13 year olds to prison for the rest of their life without parole on a case where they were with someone that murdered). Do you realize that if Dremond Green (MSU) is convicted of non consensual sex (even a misdemeanor) that he won't be able to play basketball again because there are kids at the games?

I have a client that at 18 years old had a serious relationship with a girl that was 14, they were in love and she told him she was 18 (and looked it). Had ID that showed she was actually 18. The parents pressed charges, 22 years later he is still on the registry and owns a comic store where kids frequent and he mentors kids, he will lose his entire life. The guards in prison that had relationships with women, who quit their jobs, married the prisoners, still together with 5 kids can't work at a factory because a woman there has been sexually assaulted. A man gets drunk and sitting at the bus stop, goes to tell the women next to him something, touches her thigh by accident being drunk, and she presses charges (he has already lost his section 8, and can't get employment). Do you know how many people plead guilty when they haven't done anything sexual because they have fear of going to prison or jail? Are system doesn't work so they plead to something they didn't do and you continue to make their life a living hell in consequences alone. Remember the Kobe Bryant or Michael Jackson scandal, they got to buy themselves out of the CSC charge but 99% don't have that option. Our criminal justice system doesn't work and now you want to make it even more unfair.

I get the fear of society but you are treating ALL Sex offenders as if they raped a child, and that is so not the case. I sat and listened to many Senators sit and talk about the Senate Bills that will work to reduce mass incarceration and then you come up with a bill that will create mass welfare recipients and more money from the budget to support these offenders that have been doing amazing out here (your taking away their employment) Even those sex offenders working at Listening Ear did nothing wrong, and do you know that most sex offenders have been sexually abused themselves?

Do the back ground checks, treat each person that applies to volunteer based on their offense. Stop treating all sex offenders as if they are ALL pedophiles who abuse children. Lets treat this with background checks, and find out exactly what their sex offense was for. Many our

misdemeanors, not felony's, don't punish all sex offenders from never being able to work again, or do volunteer work where they really do great work.

They have paid far more consequences for their behavior then what they agreed to, and we keep adding more and more consequences. This is becoming a social bullying by our own members of those we vote for, including society because the media has created a frenzy of fear based on the term "sex offender", and everyone automatically assumes they did something to kids, when this is totally not the case.

PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS BILL.

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